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SUBJECT: ONASSIS NEGOTIATIONS FOR OIL REFINERY AT CANSO STRAIT

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1. LOCAL AFTERNOON MAIL STAR QUOTES NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER REGAN AS SOUNDING SURPRISED THAT ONASSIS SPOKESMAN GAVE PRESS STORY CONVEYED IN REF TEL PREMIER ALLEDGEDLY " QUESTIONED THE ONASSIS OPERATION POLICY OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE UNDERWAY". PREMIER SAID, DESPITE STATEMENTS BY ONASSIS SPOKESMAN, PROVINCE WOULD RELEASE NO DETAILS UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS FINALIZED.

2. PREMIER REPORTED AS SAYING PROVINCE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH AS MANY AS SIX MAJOR INTERESTS OVER REFINERIES FOR THE PROVINCE BUT PUBLIC STATEMENTS NOT MADE DURING NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE " WE DO NOT WANT TO SHOW OUR CARDS TO COMPETITORS".

3. MAIL STAR ALSO REPORTS THAT ONASSIS SPOKESMAN CALLED NEWSPAPER THAT TALKS WITH PROVINCE CENTERED ON ISSUE OF MUNICIPAL TAXATION FORMULA (IN EARLIER SHAHEEN NEGOTIATIONS ONE HALF PERCENT OF CAPITAL VALUE SAID TO BE PAID ANNUALLY TO MUNICIPALITY). ONASSIS SPOKESMAN SAID TWO PARTIES STILL " APART" ON TAXATION FORMULA.
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